

His Christmas Star

It Proved to Be One to His Likin'

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Bert Stillman's horse was kned over in the heavy drifts of snow. The animal was very brave, then, turned forward, throwing his rider over his head into a drift.

The man pulled out his revolver, aimed and turned his head aside. Five minutes later he staggered in with a bitter curse on his shoulders. Behind him the dead horse made a dark blotch on the white drifts of the snow.

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"I HAVE ORDERS TO SHOOT YOU IF YOU TRY."

following certain landmarks contained in written directions he carried. But all landmarks were obliterated now by the darkness.

An errand of kindness was bringing him to this strange country of broken hills and deep snowdrifts. He had been born in Montana before, and the shrill scream of the wind as it swept down the canyon made no impression. He had now begun to realize that his journey might end in death. He shivered his broad shoulders at his own thoughts, but he was sorry for young Andy Belcher.

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Bert had traveled for a whole day in the storm only to lose his way at last. Now he lay alone in the dark, cold, man is a wild, winter-swept country.

"There is a light," he almost shouted. "Straight ahead through the thick drifts, I can see a faint red glow."

As he neared it took the form of a star and seemed to guide him on his way across the treacherous snow.

"It is the moon," he thought, "or it may be fire. At any rate, I can probably get a move and drive over or around the drifts. I must not set my face against the cold wind and wrap the blanket over his head."

At last, a thought struck him with sudden force. It was Christmas eve.

Now he called up the thought of the many Christmases he and his family, so different from any other he had ever experienced.

"I know that my Christmas star, he said to himself. "I've surely pointing the way to safety for me, and it's furthering matters so that I can get back to Andy Belcher to his son."

When he finally staggered up to a low, comfortable ranch house almost hidden by drifts of snow he was more exhausted from the cold than the effort of propelling his weary body through the deep drifts.

The last shreds of strength an uncertain shiver, sent a draft of brilliance across the snow.

"My Christmas star!" he mumbled as he sank unconscious against the door.

"My Christmas star!" he murmured later when he looked up into the dark, weary eyes of a lovely girl who beat about him.

"Why?" she stammered, starting back and looking over her shoulder at a tall banded man who was mixing a drink in a round wooden tub.

"What is it dear? Is it conscious?" asked the man, coming forward.

"Yes, father." The girl shrank away

and leaned agains the wall, out of sight.

"Well, better?" asked the man, stretching a steaming glass against Stillman's eyes.

"We have just tried out—lost my horse here—very sleepy—" Stillman's eyes closed and he went to sleep.

When he awoke again the girl was sitting beside his couch. One chair rested on her knee to steady the arm of the chair that was pointed directly at his head.

"Please don't move," she said quietly. "I have orders to shoot you if you do."

Stillman stared back into her level blue eyes shining steadily above her pure white brow, above which the soft dark hair was parted to drop over his forehead.

He saw the softly lighted background of the room, and from the other witness of the place, he knew he was in the house. Something must have happened to the horse, he knew—Stillman's heart beat a little faster for his horse made a dark blotch on the white snow of the snow.

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Reporting at Leisure
Agnes was a little bit of five with curly brown hair, chiselled like a perfect statue. She had been advised, not to say liberally naughty, at the dinner-table, to keep her head down and never to let her head rise to remain in duration on the schoolroom floor. She had written to her mother for a schoolroom floor.

Agnes cheerfully obeyed the commandments, at the end of the first quarter of the year.

There was no reply from the dear old dame.

Thereupon later the question was repeated. Back came the reply in the usual dignified and childlike treble of Agnes.

"Mamma, please don't ask me any more questions and let me know when I'm home."

Expressive voice.
Some persons like one sort of show and some another, but the kind which was desired by Pierre's French nation was a very simple one, and performed peculiarly.

For Sunday Pierre said to the young man who advanced to meet him as he entered the saloon:

"I have sat down on one of the red plush seats and allowed the salesman to put his foot up on my step, and, making his head, sat down again."

"He is too tight," Pierre said to the young man who advanced to meet him as he entered the saloon:

"No, no tight," he said, "but also no talk." Shoes for Sunday must be made in church for to no stony, stony seat."

With a Good Scotch Tongue

A Scotch tourist, wandering about the streets of Paris some distance from the Louvre, was so fatigued from which he could not escape, and, to make things worse, he fell into a deep sleep.

He awoke to find himself seated in a fruit basket for a basketful of apples.

And then, to his surprise, he found

himself in a basketful of apples.

"Fine Scotch grocer," he said.

"My dearest, you are a good Scotchman," said the woman who was talking to him.

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Extend Your Business By Advertising

Mar On's Cash Store

We beg to thank our many patrons for the amount of business given us during the past month. Though we give better values than ever before, the increased cash sales enabled us to turn over stocks and take the discounts and you received the benefits. This week's specials include:

	Cash
High Grade Roasted Coffee, 50c lb.	5 lbs for \$2.25 coffee mill free
Folger's Highest Grade best in country, 60c lb.	50c a pound
No. 1 Coffee 40c lb.	3 pounds for \$1.00
Blue Ribbon Tea 45c lb.	40c per pound
Item Lal Tea 50c lb.	45c "
Special Ceylon Tea 75c lb.	65c "
Fine English Tea, Standard, delicate flavor and aroma, \$1.25 Fresh made Creamery Butter	Half-lb. tin \$1.10
Golden Rose 40c lb.	2 pounds for 75c
Choice Dairy Butter 80c lb.	25c per pound

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With eleven coal mines, laying out of upwards of 8,000 tons, operating within a radius of ten miles; with cement works producing 400 barrels of best Portland cement per day, and with another cement works, which will have even a much larger output, in the course of erection; with a brick plant which is to be increased to a capacity of 80,000 brick per day, and with another large plant

for the manufacture of brick, pipes and other clay products, under consideration; with two large lime works, all of which are inside or in close proximity to Blairmore; this with all the openings The Pass holds out for manufacturers and live inventors one is led to exclaim with a solemn regard for truth, "Surely this is the promised land; arise, gird thyself, come and enjoy its blessings."

There are splendid openings for each and door factories, pulp and paper mills, a steam laundry, iron works and machine shop, wholesale houses, etc., etc. A safe investment leads to wealth, and by investing your earnings towards the establishment of industries such as those mentioned in this paragraph you will reap results that will be highly satisfactory.

Opportunity is knocking at your door.

Town Council Favor Extension of Victoria St.

A meeting of the town council was held in the council chamber on Saturday afternoon for the purpose of dealing with the new wagon road at the west end of Blairmore. The old road has not been used for some time, and the new street built some time ago by the West Canadian Collieries is now being used because of its feasibility. The C.P.R. have not yet agreed to the new road as a small portion of it is too near the railroad. Efforts will be made to secure the approval of the railway company to the new road, thus enabling a continuation of Victoria street westward and linking the industry sub-district some time ago and owned by the West Canadian Collieries, Ltd.

At the meeting held on Saturday, at which the mayor and the aldermen, with the exception of J. H. Farmer, were present, the following resolution was passed:

"That this council approve of plan No. 1, re-charge of government roads, and Victoria street where it passes through the town of Blairmore, for 850 feet west of the centre line of section 35, township 7, range 4, west of the 5th meridian. And should it be impossible to have said plan passed by the parties concerned this council would recommend the acceptance of plan No. 2 relating to same territory."

Exchange of Live Ideas About Mining

The publicity committee of the Northern Mining Convention, to be held at Spokane February 14 to 17, has issued a new folder outlining the scope of the convention work to be undertaken by the delegates from which we gather the following information:

It is desired to be the purpose of the meeting to provide the means for an exchange of ideas upon the subject of mining, to secure the greatest possible co-operation among those engaged in the business, to take up and act upon proposed legislation, and to revise the rules of the general association in an effort to facilitate the carrying on of capital work.

Invitation is general to those interested or interested in the mining industry. Some of the subjects on which addresses will be made and discussion had, are as follows: Mining Laws, Leasing vs. Freehold, Mining in Forest, Mining Investments, Water Power, Developments, Metallurgical Books, Water and Gas, The Prospector, The Miner, Safeguards of Mining Investments, Mining Development, and other selected topics.

Talks on various mining districts of the Northwest by men conversant with the situation and local condition will be included in the program. A pleasant time is assured every one who attends. A smoker, a banquet, and oral and instrumental music, as well

Ladies Play Fast Game Hockey—May Issue Broad Challenge

The ladies of Blairmore engaged in a friendly but exciting game of hockey on Tuesday evening last. It was the first time that the ladies of Blairmore had ever striven for honours in hockey playing and the way they went after it would have made some of the male artists blush with shame. It is reported that they will issue a challenge to any ladies' hockey team in the Crows Nest Pass and if they win against all comers they may journey to Edmonton, Nakivik and Winnipego to play professionals, although it is against their principles to play for money. We would suggest that the ladies donate the proceeds of their hockey games towards maintaining a night school for men.

The line-up consisted of only four on a side—the females declaring that four of their number can do as much as seven men. The line-up was as follows: Goals, Mrs. McVicar and Miss L. Howe; point, Miss M. Sunstrum and M. Turner; rovers, Mrs. Fisher and Miss C. McLeod; centres, Misses M. Padern and J. Patterson.

A Branch of St. John's Ambulance Association

A number of Blairmore citizens met in the old school house on Tuesday evening for the purpose of organizing a branch of the St. John's Ambulance Association, but it was decided to wait until Thursday, of next week, when it is hoped that a larger number will be present so that the organization may be proceeded with. All the men, especially the miners, should attend and learn how to administer first aid to the injured.

The young folk, irrespective of religious beliefs, are cordially invited to the weekly meetings of the Guild.

Mr. J. G. Smith, the president, will act as chairman at the next meeting and will have a suitable programme provided for the entertainment of those who will attend.

Money Making, Spending, Giving and Saving

At the regular meeting of the Young People's Guild held in the mission hall, on Monday evening last, Mr. H. G. Bigelow gave a lengthy and interesting address on the subject entitled, "Money making, spending, giving and saving." The speaker said that honest methods should be used in making money as dishonest methods generally let a troubled conscience. Spending should be done in a judicious manner; those who spend their earnings indiscriminately, almost without an exception, come to poverty and want. Giving should be practised with prudence; remember the old saying, "What you give to others you give to the Lord." Give to useful causes but be careful that your giving does not encourage idleness. Saving is necessary for a happy old age; when the busy folks have gathered around on a temple, and when youth and vigor have disappeared, sufficient funds should be available with which to supply the necessities of life until the world is exchanged for another.

The debate, "Referendum and Recall," which was to have been put on this week but was laid over because one of the speakers was absent from town, will be on the programme next Monday.

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P. M. Brisco Married

A very quiet wedding was solemnized in the home of Thomas Guttridge, Baxter yesterday, the contracting parties being Miss Carrie Guttridge, of Chatham, and Roy M. Brisco, formerly of the Maple City, but now a resident of Blairmore, Alta.

Owing to a recent bereavement in the family of Miss Guttridge only the immediate relatives were present at the ceremony. Rev. S. W. Howard officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Brisco left on an afternoon train for Toronto and other Eastern points. After purchasing furnishings etc., in Toronto, which will be shipped to the future home in Blairmore, Mrs. Brisco will return to Chatham for the winter and Mr. Brisco will leave for his place of business in Blairmore, Alta.

The presents were both costly and numerous, both the contract gavels being very popular young people—Patty Now, Chatham, Oct. 1st, 1911.

Mr. Brisco is well and favorably

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MR. MONTY F. WEBER,
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all creditors are hereby required to make a demand upon or against the estate of F. Weber deceased, who died at Blairmore, Alberta, and New Michel, British Columbia, are advised to make a claim against the estate as the undermentioned, L. F. Eskdale of Blairmore, and Mr. George L. Salter, of Victoria, B.C., who are the executors of the estate of the said Henry F. Weber among the debts of whom are due to them. Creditors are advised to make a claim for the assets as any part thereof so claimed may be liable for the debts of the estate. It is further advised that no claim be made for any debts of the estate which have not been settled prior to the date of death of the said F. Weber.

By L. F. ESKDALE,
Eskdale Building,
Solicitor for the above named George L. Salter.

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Alberta, this 20th Day of December, A.D. 1911.

W. A. BEEBE,
Agent for the Applicants

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Dated at a Cabin, Alta., this 1st day of January, 1912.

W. A. BEEBE,
Vice President and Managing Director.

Notice to Creditors and Claimants

IN THE ESTATE OF GEORGE GODWIN, in the province of Alberta, deceased, notice is hereby given that any person who may have a claim against the estate of the said George Godwin, who died on the 1st day of November, 1910, and whose death was not registered, may file the same with the registrar of the County of Wetaskiwin, or the County of Leduc, if any such exists, before the 1st day of February, 1912, for the recordation of the same, if any such exists.

NOTICE is hereby given that after the 1st day of February, 1912, the estate of the said George Godwin, who died on the 1st day of November, 1910, and whose death was not registered, will be distributed in accordance with the terms of the will of the said George Godwin, if any such exists, or if there be none, in accordance with the laws of Alberta.

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BARRY MOORE,
Successor to the Administrator.

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known in Blairmore and his many friends in three parts with the happy couple many, many years of unalloyed bliss. We understand that Mr. Brisco has engaged a house on State street, between 8th and 10th avenues, and will make that their dwelling place.

Mr. Brisco came to Blairmore about a year ago and during his stay here he has worked up a large business. He owns a well established grocery business and is in the principal business section of the town where he carries a well selected stock of reasonable goods.

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